MATTERS *v.* RYAN.

APPEAL FROM THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS.

No. 141. Submitted January 16, 1919.—Decided April 14, 1919.

The District Court has no jurisdiction in *habeas corpus* to determine and award the custody of an infant at the suit of an alien against a citizen of the State of forum, when the only substantial question is which of the parties is the mother. P. 377.

The claim that such a case arises under a law of the United States because the infant was imported by the respondent in violation of the Immigration Laws is frivolous. *Id.*

Quære: Whether diversity of citizenship with an averment of pecuniary interest could confer jurisdiction on a federal court in *habeas corpus*. P. 378.

Reversed.